



**Birth Center
Frequently Asked Questions
9/24/10**

1. Is the Birth Center closing?

No, Valley General is fully committed to providing a community birthing center.

2. Who will deliver my baby?

Valley General has secured a temporary physician who will be here on the day that Monroe Women's Care stops their OB practice. Dr. Melissa Smith is an experienced OB/GYN physician who practices in Hawaii and Washington State. Dr. Smith will be followed by another temporary physician while we recruit permanent physicians to the community. Dr. Smith is Board Certified in obstetrics and completed her residency in 1980 in Massachusetts.

3. How do I make an appointment?

Beginning Monday, Sept. 27, you may contact Norma Walker at 360 794-1489 or Adela Salazar at 425 315-2626 to schedule prenatal appointments.

4. Where is the location of the clinic?

Dr. Smith will be seeing patients on the second floor of the hospital. Enter through the main lobby, take the elevator to the second floor and check in with reception on the right hand side of the lobby.

We are committed to providing high quality care to our patients. Our skilled, experienced Birth Center nurses and staff are consistently rated among the best in the Puget Sound region. We pride ourselves in providing personal and attentive care in a comfortable, private birthing suite. Please feel free to come by to meet the staff and take a tour of the Birth Center.